

Congrats on getting this far!
Good luck!

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OLIMPIADA DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ 2013-2014 - Etapa pe sector - clasa a X-a - varianta 1

I. (10 points) Read the text below and decide which variant (A, B, C or D) best fits each space.

A team of experts has arrived in Venice to save it from increasing (1)_____ of flooding. A controversial plan to construct a barrier with 79 gates, each weighing 300 tonnes, has been given permission to go ahead. Once constructed, this will be (2)_____ whenever a high tide (3)_____ to cover the city. Everyone has known for centuries that Venice is (4)_____ further into the mud, but floods are becoming a regular (5)_____. Rising sea levels have gradually eroded the salt marshes and mud banks that stood between the city and the Adriatic. Winter storms cause higher waves, which are (6)_____ the walls of the old places. But there are fears about how the (7)_____ of such a barrier might affect the Venice lagoon, particularly the possibility that it could further (8)_____ the flushing of the city's waterways by the tide, making the famous foul-smelling canals even more (9)_____. To avoid making the bad situation worse, the experts have been brought in to analyze tidal flows and marine deposits and then suggest ways to (10)_____ the city from becoming the first high-profile victim of global warming.

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| 1. | A.instances | B.circumstances | C.occasions | D.incidences |
| 2. | A.erected | B.raised | C.lifted | D.risen |
| 3. | A.threatens | B.endangers | C.risks | D.jeopardizes |
| 4. | A.capsizing | B.sinking | C.collapsing | D.falling |
| 5. | A.nuisance | B.blessing | C.nurture | D.failure |
| 6. | A.offending | B.crashing | C.assaulting | D.opposing |
| 7. | A.building | B.theory | C.intention | D.result |
| 8. | A.delay | B.direct | C.restrict | D.impose |
| 9. | A.motionless | B.stationary | C.inactive | D.stagnant |
| 10. | A.prevail | B.prevent | C.preserve | D.defense |

II. (10 points) Fill the gaps in the text below with ONE suitable word:

Card games go (1)_____ far back in history that no one knows exactly when they were invented or where they came from. Most experts, (2)_____, believe that playing cards originally came from Asia. There is a tradition that (3)_____ the ancient Hindus and Muslims used round playing cards for their amusement, (4)_____ there is no concrete proof of this. The Chinese claim that there were card games in China as (5)_____ as the twelfth century. (6)_____ to their history, cards were an invention designed to amuse the people in the palace of an emperor called Suen-ho. The first records we have of card games in the West date (7)_____ the fourteenth century. Towards the close of this century, cards were already very popular in France. (8)_____, their popularity was so great that (9)_____ the end, it was forbidden for working people to play cards (10)_____ on holiday days.

III. (10 points) Read the text below and use the words given in capitals to form words that fit in the gaps. The words in capitals are given in the order in which you need to use them:

1-EMPLOY 2-ACADEMY 3-ABLE 4-DESIRE 5-GLOBE 6-PROSPECT 7-ADAPT 8-COMMUNICATE 9-WILL 10-SUSTAIN

The economy of our century is based on skills and knowledge, according to a recent report. The best (1)_____ will be the one that can demonstrate a level of (2)_____ or vocational achievement that can (3)_____ the individual to support their CV with evidence of (4)_____ personal qualities. As (5)_____ increases and technological advances make typical working practices redundant, (6)_____ employees will need to show various personal attributes. As well as wanting people who are flexible, companies are also looking for evidence of (7)_____. It is increasingly necessary to be an excellent (8)_____ as the majority of organisations make their profits from the skills of the people selling their goods. Consequently, unless businesses show the (9)_____ to adapt, they may find they are (10)_____, according to the authors of the report.

IV. (20 points) Rephrase the following sentences so that they contain the words in capitals, and so that the meaning stays the same:

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| 1. The launch of the new product is scheduled for the end of August.
The new product _____ at the end of August. | DUE |
| 2. I don't know how wide that river is.
I don't know _____ that river is. | WHAT |
| 3. If he hadn't encouraged me, I would have never entered the competition.
It was _____ entered the competition. | THANKS |
| 4. She doesn't get on with her boyfriend any more.
She _____ her boyfriend. | FALLEN |
| 5. Shortly after the plane took off, one of its engines failed.
Hardly _____ one of its engines failed. | WHEN |
| 6. When he has to face making a decision, Mark panics.
Mark panics _____ a decision. | FACED |
| 7. I had never been to a theme park before.
It was the first time I _____ to a theme park. | HAD |
| 8. It's not possible for the cat to have opened the fridge.
The cat _____ the fridge. | POSSIBLY |
| 9. I hate it when people lie to me, which is why I split up with Simon.
I _____, which is why I split up with Simon. | STAND |
| 10. I am sorry I forgot to phone grandma.
I _____ to phone grandma. | APOLOGISE |

V. (50 points) - FORMAL LETTER

You see this advertisement on a teen website and you decide to apply for one of the posts advertised.

Festival staff needed

We are looking for young people to work for an international rock festival over a 7-day period in Scotland in August 2014. We are looking for people who could work in:

- backstage catering;
- media coverage;
- security & ticketing.

Send in your application to Mr. Jones, saying why you think you are suitable for one of the above mentioned positions.

Write your letter in 150-180 words. Sign it as Sam Smith.

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PUNCTAJ SI BAREM

I. (10 puncte)

DBA | BAC | AC DB |

1.D 2.B 3.A 4.B 5.A 6.C 7.A 8.C 9.D 10.B

II. (10 puncte)

though

1. so 2. however 3. both 4. but 5. early 6. According 7. from 8. Indeed 9. in 10. except

III. (10 puncte)

1-employee 2-academic 3-enable 4-desirable 5-globalisation² 6-prospective 7-adaptability 8-communicator 9-willingness 10-unsustainable

IV. (20 puncte) Rephrase the following sentences so that the meaning stays the same:

1. is due to be launched
2. what the width of
3. thanks to him/his encouragement that I
4. has fallen out with
5. had the plane taken off when
6. when faced with making
7. had ever been
8. cannot/can't possibly have opened/ couldn't
9. can't stand being lied to/people lying to me
10. apologise for having forgotten

10 x 2

V. (50 puncte) Letter writing – *formal* - 150-180 words

vezi GRILA PENTRU CORECTAREA LUCRĂRILOR SCRISE (Descriptori)

NOTĂ: Pentru subiectele II și IV se acceptă orice variantă posibilă corectă.

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